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The proposed settlement with Microsoft does nothing to solve the issues that have brought this case to court.

Microsoft has been found to have a monopoly on Intel compatible operating systems, and further they have used this monopoly to destroy competitors. There is nothing in the proposed settlement that would prevent Microsoft from destroying another competitor. As such it is not a good settlement.

Microsoft appears to be trying to get clauses in the final settlement that would allow them to keep secret anything related to security. This is unnecessary well designed security measures do not lose their value when the attacker knows how they work. Vaults are rated by how long it would take a thief who has access to the design to break in. In computers we have discovered that secret security measures are eventually broken by the computer criminals who then use them against those who trust them.

I urge the court to reject the proposed settlement or modify it so that Microsoft will not use their monopoly to harm competitors.

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